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1. [] the Russians at Karlshorst consider war inevitable and are firmly resolved to begin one in five to ten years. Within five years Russia will possess the same weapons as America, and within ten years Russian industry will be in a position to begin a dumping campaign against American markets. An economic crisis in America is unavoidable and will be accompanied by a Communist avalanche. At the bottom of the American depression Russia will launch an attack combining war, civil war, and revolution. [] Russia will win such a war unless it begins within the next two years. The Russians are weakest at present in oil and fuel and lack the necessary equipment to increase their production.
2. [] Molotov, backed by the good harvest at home, will adopt an unyielding attitude at London. Russia will declare its readiness to recognize a German government, to accept a German constitution, and to withdraw its occupation troops. Russia will demand reparations from current production for an indefinite period and permanent participation in the management of the Ruhr. The Russians in Karlshorst insist on these two demands and claim Russia will make concessions elsewhere to obtain them.
3. [] the London Conference will fail to reach an agreement because America will not accept Russian demands in the Ruhr. Germany will then be divided into an eastern and a western state. The eastern state will prosper under the Russian influence while the western state will be the victim of west European, especially French, jealousy.
4. [] the plans for an eastern state have nothing to do with the plans of Friedensburg, Geiler, etc., for a petition to the Allied Control Council. The Russians favor the petition merely because it gives them a basis for propaganda that the western Allies are responsible for the failure to achieve a united Germany.

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5. The Russians reportedly realize that they need the bourgeois elements to supplement their Communist supporters. Ambitious politicians such as Friedensburg, Külz, etc., are priceless pawns in this game. The main result is to pin down the SPD as the only German party opposing national unity. [redacted] the Russians hate the SPD and intend to liquidate its leaders and minor officials completely. [redacted] the Russians in Karlshorst have nothing but contempt for the bourgeois politicians who are playing their game in order to gain a political post. Latest candidates are Lieutenant for Minister of Finance and Geissler (CDU-Halle) for Minister of Education.
6. [redacted] Karlshorst considers the SED a failure and intends to use other organizations to win over the populace. Besides the various "non-political" organizations already in existence, a charitable society for war veterans, war invalids, widows, and orphans is planned. It will be international with subsidiaries in all countries under Russian domination. German veterans will enjoy the same benefits as other nationalities. The purpose would be to win over the German veterans to prevent their mobilization by the U.S. for an anti-Russian campaign. [redacted] Paulus and other generals of the NKFD would surely be eager to fill positions in this veterans organization.

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